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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

PRETORIA PSS TO AMBASSADOR DE PREE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, MZ, RH

SUBJ: RHODESIAN POW PILOT REQUESTS USG ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) MAPUTO 059 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 10487 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER SEEKING ASYLUM AND ASSISTANCE IN EMBASSY FOR NEARLY SEVEN HOURS, RHODESIAN POW MIRON MARKUS ACCEPTED UDVCE OF CHARGE AND AGREED TO TURN HIMSELF OVER TO EITHER UNHCR REP SERGIO DE MELO OR CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LOPES TEMBE.

2. AFTER CHARGE MADE UNSUCCESSFUL TWO-HOUR LONG ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LOCAL UNHCR REP, MARKUS DECIDED TO SURRENDER TO MOZAMBIQUE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LOPES TEMBE. CHARGE THEN (A) CONTACTED TEMBE AT HIS HOME, (B) INFORMED HIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES
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OF MARKUS' ARRIVAL AT EMBASSY, (C) EXPLAINED THAT MARKUS HAD ASKED FOR BUT HAD BEEN REFUSED ASSISTANCE, AND (D) STATED THAT MARKUS WANTED TO TURN HIMSELF IN. TEMBE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE WHO MARKUS WAS, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE MARKUS INTO HIS CUSTODY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT, CHARGE DROVE MARKUS TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHERE HE SURRENDERED TO TEMBE OF

HIS OWN VOLITION.

3. AT MEETING WITH TEMBE, MARKUS RETOLD HIS STORY, SAID HE WAS NOT A MILITARY PILOT, EXPRESSED HIS INNOCENCE AND EXPLAINED THAT HIS ESCAPE HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY NEED FOR GREATER MEDICAL ATTENTION. TEMBE TOLD MARKUS THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT COMPETENT TO JUDGE THE MERITS OF HIS CASE (WHICH HE SAID WAS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED), FRELIMO HAD A LONG STANDING POLICY OF NOT MISTREATING CRIMINALS OR PRISONERS OF WAR. TEMBE THEN ASSURED MARKUS THAT HE (TEMBE) WOULD PERSONALLY SEE TO IT THAT MARKUS RECEIVED PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION.

4. BEFORE LEAVING, CHARGE AGAIN BRIEFED TEMBE ON EMBASSY'S UNEXPECTED AND BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH MARKUS. TEMBE ACCEPTED EXPLANATION WITHOUT NEGATIVE COMMENT, SAYING THESE "THINGS HAPPEN."

5. ON BASIS OF TEMBE'S REACTION, EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT ANY NEGATIVE FALLOUT FROM THIS AFFAIR, BUT WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT APPRISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

6. CHARGE PLANS TO BRIEF UNHCR REP ON MARKUS AFFAIR SOMETIME TODAY.
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